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Subject: RE: Another Public Meeting

Hi Travis,

Thank you for the discussion we had about the public meetings for the Portland Harbor Proposed Plan. We have strived to make the public meeting events as accommodating to the community as possible. After early discussions with individuals and groups in the area we planned meetings that spanned work hours and evening hours, various locations and formats that allowed for oral comments in a public forum as well as in private for those uncomfortable with speaking before crowds.

Based on our discussion, we are going to recraft our public meeting for July 20th. The 6pm EPA presentation and public comment will be held in the same room. Directly following the EPA presentation and 15 minutes of clarifying questions, we will transition into receiving public comments. We will also continue to offer the private oral comment room in the evening. Audience members wanting to make comments should pick up comment cards at the registration table located at the entry of the Ambridge Center. Comments are limited to two (2) minutes per person. Provided below are the ground rules or tips and purpose of the public meeting to facilitate constructive and effective participation during the public comment period of the meeting. If a large audience is anticipated, we request your support in communicating this information to your contacts prior to the meeting.

We encourage you and any others to attend the final public meeting on Wednesday, July 20th, at the Ambridge Event Center from 11:30 am to 8:00 pm. I hope you will encourage people to turn out for the meeting. Since it's only possible to hear 25-30 people per hour, we encourage your groups to come to the meeting room throughout the day. If the queue of people wishing to make spoken comments is more than can be accommodated during the allotted time, we will encourage the overflow to make their comments to the court reporter and EPA hearing officer in an adjacent room that will also accommodate large audience participation.

Community input is a very important part of the cleanup planning process, so we encourage you to submit comments either at the meeting, in writing or by e-mail by the September 6, 2016 comment deadline.

Thank you.

Ground Rules for Public Meeting

1. Share the air time. Each person may only speak once.
2. Time cannot be delegated to others.
3. When speaking, please:
 - a. Be courteous and respectful
 - b. No personal attacks or accusations
 - c. No grandstanding
 - d. Do not interrupt when others are speaking

4. Direct comments to EPA, not other meeting participants.
5. No applause to show support for specific comments.
6. The facilitator may interact with speakers to clarify information.
7. Please turn cell phones off or on silent.
8. Take side conversations outside of the meeting room.

Public Meeting Purpose

- Official meeting hosted by EPA to solicit formal comments on EPA's Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.
- Please Note:
 - All comments received are considered equal
 - The public meeting is not designed for participants to come to an agreement or debate different interests.
 - Written comments can also be submitted after the meeting to:
 - E-mail: harborcomments@epa.gov
 - EPA Online Comment Form: <http://go.usa.gov/3Wf2B>
 - Postal Mail: ATTN: Harbor Comments, U.S. EPA, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97205

Written comments accepted until midnight on September 6, 2016

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Cami -

I hope you are doing well.

I am putting in a formal request for one additional public meeting on August 31, and one with a different format than the meetings so far.

A variety of people and groups, Willamette Riverkeeper, Audubon of Portland, the Yakama Tribe and others feel that the format for the current meetings

is a bit restrictive. We would like the EPA to provide the one additional hearing where the public can make comments as a group, hearing each others testimony. That format allows an open exchange of information from individuals to the EPA, and reflects a more traditional format.

The current format sequesters people with individual EPA staff, which in our collective experience is quite odd. We believe a format that allows people to hear other viewpoints, or key information, would be more useful and helpful.

The 31st of August was identified by multiple organizations as a date that works for all of us. Given the extension of time for the comment period, one more meeting in late August can help the community learn more about the site as well.

If the EPA needs help finding a room that will fit a couple of hundred people, we would be glad to help.

We appreciate the energy EPA is putting into this process during the comment period. Thank you for considering this additional meeting, and we look forward to making it work.

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